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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the confirmation of allowable subject matter via the Notice of Allowance having an Issue Fee due date of November 10, 2004 (to date, the issue fee has not been paid). This letter concerns the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the present patent application on April 10, 2002 and November 14, 2003.

With regards to the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on April 10, 2002, Applicants request correction of a typographical error in one of the listed documents. In the AF listing, a US Patent issued to Fields et al. on 8/23/94, the patent number is incorrectly written as "5,430,403", instead of --5,340,403--. The number was correctly indicated on the Int'l Search Report family list (US 5,340,403 was listed as a family member to EP 0265111) and a copy of each reference was provided. It is thus apparent that the correct 5,340,403 was received by the Examiner. Applicants thus respectfully request that this document is correctly listed as US Patent No. 5,340,403 by way of initials to the corrected PTO 1449 sheet.

The undersigned respectfully submits that the proposed revision was not presented earlier because the inadvertent error was not noticed until the post Notice of Allowance review. As

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noted above, this correction merely changes an inadvertent error prior to printing of the patent.

Applicant therefore requests that this correction is entered prior to issuance of the patent.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the original PTO-1449 form, a copy of the listed reference

and a corrected PTO-1449 form for consideration.

In addition, during the post allowance review Applicants have not received a signed copy

of the November 14, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement (Form 1499). To facilitate the

receipt of confirmation of review of the earlier cited documents before the issue fee due date of

November 10, 2004, Applicants attach hereto a true copy of the PTO-1449 form and a copy of

the corresponding U.S. PTO stamped postcard which indicates that the PTO-1449 form (listing

one document) was submitted along with the corresponding Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request that either the original (or the enclosed replacement) PTO-1449

form be initialed by the Examiner, indicating consideration of the listed documents, and that a

copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form be forwarded to the undersigned for Applicants' file.

As the Issue Fee comes due on November 10, 2004, Applicants look forward to receipt of

initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms prior to that date.

If any fees under 37 C. F. R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this filing, please

charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 033970R003.

Respectfully submitted,

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